Problem faced by Indian Nationals abroad

321. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received any suggestions from State Government regarding problems being faced by Indian Nationals abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several Indian Nationals were duped in several nations; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Suggestions have been received that the Emigration Act be amended to streamline the emigration process. The process of amending the Emigration Act is already underway.

(c) and (d) Some cases of this nature have been reported from the Gulf Region. The Indian Missions abroad take up such cases with local authorities concerned for redressal as expeditiously as possible.

Permanent seat in Security Council

322. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Britain have come out strongly in favour of India's candidature for a permanent seat in an expanded United Nations Security Council;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the United States appeared to be lukewarm to the idea; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to pursue the U.S. to Support India's claim on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.